## Patent claims

1. A section of a tubular foodstuff casing closed at one end with an end with a flat transverse seam, wherein the casing is composed of a heat-sealable polymer material, or has a layer or a coating thereof on the inner side, or wherein the casing is composed of uncoated or coated textile material, of knitted material, of nonwoven, or of non-fiber-reinforced or fiber-reinforced cellulose, where the transverse seam is a jointing seam in the form of a sealed seam or adhesive seam.

- 2. The section as claimed in claim 1, wherein the foodstuff casing composed of a heat-sealable polymer material or with a layer or a coating thereof on the inner side has been biaxially oriented, and, if appropriate, also heat-set.
- The section as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the foodstuff casing composed of a heat-sealable polymer material or with a layer or a coating thereof on the inner side encompasses a water-vapor- and/or oxygenbarrier layer.

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- 4. The section as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3, wherein, parallel to the sealed seam or adhesive seam, there is a sewn seam.
- The section as claimed in claim 4, wherein the sewn seam has been applied on a separate strip of material located on or immediately adjacent to the sealed seam or adhesive seam.

- 6. The section as claimed in claim 4, wherein the sewn seam has been imitated via an embossment on or adjacent to the sealed seam or adhesive seam.
- The section as claimed in claim 4, wherein the sewn seam has been imitated via a print applied to or adjacent to the sealed seam or adhesive seam.
- 8. The section as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 7, which has been pre-smoked.
  - 9. The section as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 8, which has been shirred to give a short stick.
- 15 10. The section as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 8, which, after the application of the sealed seam or adhesive seam and, if appropriate, of the sewn seam or of the sewn seam imitated via embossment or printing, has not been separated from the other identical sections and has been wound up on a roll.